

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 2006-82-T – ORDER NO. 2006-398

JULY 3, 2006

IN RE: Application of South Carolina Tariff Bureau, Inc. for a 12% Rate Increase.) ORDER WAIVING) PUBLICATION AND) HEARING AND) GRANTING RATE) REDUCTION
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This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the request of the South Carolina Tariff Bureau, Inc. (SCTB) for approval of a rate reduction in packing charges in its tariff. SCTB also requests waiver of 26 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-193 (Supp. 2005), which relates to hearing and publication. The Office of Regulatory Staff does not oppose consideration of the request on an expedited basis.

We have examined this matter and agree that the hearing and publication provisions should be waived, and that the matter should be considered on an expedited basis, since the request is in the public interest.

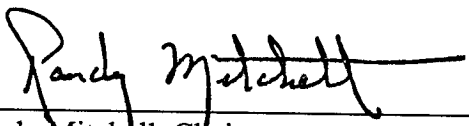
We note that 26 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-190 (1) (Supp. 2005) requires Commission approval of a carrier's rates, fares, charges, classifications, and rules of service. Further, Regulation 103-190 (2) states that all tariffs of motor carriers of household goods must include charges and references to a number of services, including

packing and unpacking. Accordingly, approval of the packing charges in SCTB's tariff is within the jurisdiction of this Commission.

After due consideration, we hold that the request for approval of a rate reduction for packing charges should be granted, and the request is approved as filed. This rate reduction is clearly in the public interest.


This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:



Randy Mitchell, Chairman

ATTEST:



G. O'Neal Hamilton, Vice Chairman

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